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REMARKS:

Applicants filed a Response on March 27, 2006. That Response inadvertently included a typographical error in the "REMARKS" section, on page 8, at line 4.

In the Response filed on March 27, 2006, on page 8, at line 4, the phrase "approximately 6 mm" should have been --approximately 0.06 mm--.

The corrected sentence in its entirety is as follows: "Scan of the laser marker can be set freely, although the size of the dot differs in accordance with energy, it is possible to cause a thermal deformation in approximately 0.06 mm."

In view of the aforementioned remarks, all claims currently being considered are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due now or in the future with respect to this application, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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